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Title:	COMPONENT ARCHITECTURE FOR MEDICAL DEVICE SYSTEM NETWORKS		

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I hereby declare the following:

- 1) I am currently and correctly named as an inventor in the pending patent application entitled COMPONENT ARCHITECTURE FOR MEDICAL DEVICE SYSTEM NETWORKS, Serial number 09/844,658.
- 2) The invention disclosed within the above-referenced patent application was conceived of by me and the other named inventors prior to October 21, 1999.
- 3) An Invention Disclosure Form, portions of which are attached, was completed that described the invention and was submitted to the Medtronic, Inc. legal department for consideration prior to ~~October 21, 1999~~ October 21, 1999.
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Title of Invention: Link Component Architecture

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Who has supporting documents? John Farr & Gary Nelson

Who witnessed tests? \_\_\_\_\_ When and where? \_\_\_\_\_

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